

REMARKS

Claims 8, 15-19 and 37-41 have been amended and claims 6 and 29 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-5, 8, 14-21, 23, 24, 26-28, 33, 37-41, 47, 63 and 65 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1, 63 and 64 are the independent claims. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

Claims 6, 8, 19, 29 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the following reasons.

Regarding the rejection of claims 6 and 29, it is noted that these claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 6 and 29 is moot.

Regarding the rejection of claim 8, it is noted that claim 8 has been amended to recite that the polymer film deposited with metal includes copper or nickel. Proper support for this amendment can be found in the specification, at least at paragraph [0019] of the specification.

Regarding the rejection of claims 19 and 41, it is noted that these claims have been amended to recite that the lithium layer is prepared by compressing a lithium foil on the substrate. Proper support for this amendment can be found in the specification, at least at paragraph [0023] of the specification.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 8, 19 and 41 be withdrawn.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

Claims 1-5, 14-18, 20-21, 23-24, 26-28, 33, 37-40, 47, 63, 65 are allowed.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the

application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

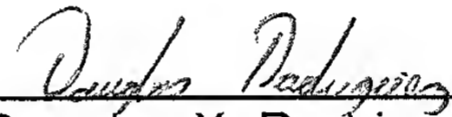
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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